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FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1912.

Roosevelt, Bryan, and Baltimore.

Our logic has been vindicated. Mr.

Roosevelt did have his weather eye

open to the doings at Baltimore; he did

delay all action in the "bandanna" party

movement until he could see clearly

what would be the upshot of the Demo-

cratic convention, and, in fact, he has

gone one better, taking the bull by

the horns and sending Mr. Henry to

Baltimore to propose to Mr. Bryan that

if the most progressive of the

candidates, Woodrow Wilson, should

be nominated, he (Roosevelt) would at

once stop all further new party talk,

would hold no convention in his own

behalf, and would have his followers

support Wilson.

This does credit to Mr. Roosevelt's

farsightedness. It is rather late to be-

gin the formation of a new national

party in July, with primaries and con-

ventions in the States which so far had

no Roosevelt organization, and, besides,

making four months before the general

election the time limit for the legal

selection of delegates, not to speak of

the financial end of such an enter-

prise, etc.

Then, Mr. Roosevelt has profited by

the lesson taught him at Chicago by

two of his staunch adherents, Govs.

Hadley and Deneen, who left his stand-

ard because they could not be made

to see the good of splitting the Republi-

can party, which naturally would lead

to a defeat at the polls in November

of the Republican candidate. Others,

though not so prominent in the coun-

cils of the Republican party, no doubt

are of a like sentiment.

Will the Democrats, he argues, put

up a candidate who will be strong

enough to defeat the Republican ticket?

Let the country once again have a

Democratic President for one term—

the people would have their fill and

would be only too glad in 1916 to wel-

come again a Republican in the White

House. Republican in this instance, of

course, meaning Roosevelt. But why

Wilson and not Bryan, who, after all,

has vindicated his strength at the con-

vention by having his friend and

staunch adherent, Ollie James, named as

permanent chairman?

Dr. Wiley Approaching Quackery.

A most soul-terrifying picture, showing

the dangers of eating ice cream, is

published as an advertisement in a well-

known magazine over the signature of

Dr. Wiley. It calls attention to the re-

sult of his investigations of that food

product made in Washington. The pic-

ture is one showing a grim specter of

death leaning over a child and serving

him ice cream.

The people of the District are vitally

interested in this article, because it deals

directly with the manufacture of this

delectable delicacy in the city of Wash-

ington. It gives some astounding fig-

ures showing the quantity of bacterial

germs found in the samples analyzed by

him. The doctor in his article makes

the grave charge (a general one, men-

tion examined failed to show it when

tested by the method above described.

Such a statement, which the doctor

sends out to the world at large in the

magazine which pays him a good salary

for the use of his name, is unjust to

the manufacturers who are making

cream that stands all tests. A general

condemnation of the ice cream of Wash-

ington, such as Dr. Wiley makes, is not

fair to himself, to his paper, or to the

public. The public wants ice cream

and will have it, good or bad. As it

stands now the ice cream of Washing-

ton is looked upon with suspicion be-

cause of the high standing of Dr. Wiley.

This is wrong, as the doctor admits in

his report that several brands are good,

but does not say which ones. Such a

report is absolutely worthless. It looks

like a cheap scheme to gain a little free

advertising for his magazine. Any one

can condemn, any one can praise, when

it is done generally. The doctor and

his magazine owe an apology to those

manufacturers of Washington who are

above suspicion, while if there are so

many poor ones as he says he also

owes an explanation to the people who

are told of unknown dangers, but given

no inkling of where to go to avoid

them.

There are good ice creams made in

Washington, and there are undoubtedly

poor ones, but he descends from the

high position in which he is so de-

servedly held when he uses such cheap

claptrap methods of advertising. The

filthy places he declares he found he

should have reported to the District

health authorities, or, if he has so high

a regard for the health of the people as

he professes, should have personally

seen that such conditions were reme-

died.

Conventions in the Future.

It would be a wise thing if, in the fu-

ture, national political conventions

could be held without the attendance

of some ten or fifteen thousand people

whose only object in life, apparently, is

to create noise. Both at Chicago and

Baltimore the spectacle has been pre-

sented of a thousand delegates seated

in the midst of an enormous throng

whose yells, interruptions, "sponta-

neous" demonstrations, and general

tendency to disorder have made impos-

sible the sober and deliberate perfor-

mance of the important duty which

brought the delegates together.

The selection of a man to be the can-

didate of a great political party for the

position of President of the United

States ought to be regarded as a digni-

fied, if not solemn, event. When a new

Pope is to be chosen the Cardinals seek

privacy behind closed doors and make

here with a great flourish and an en-

ticing announcement of specious bar-

gains.

When we contrast the public-spirited

citizens of Seventh Street, for illustra-

tion, who, at considerable cost to them-

selves have recently erected along that

business avenue most attractive light-

ing apparatus on the streets, with the

piratical practices of the predatory

transient who evades everything but the

most nominal and trifling fees, we be-

lieve that the firm stand taken by The

Washington Herald in refusing their

advertising is only just to the mer-

chants of the city.

This policy will be adhered to. But

it would, we think, be pertinent to in-

quire what has become of the legisla-

tion bearing on this point regarding

which the assistance of the Commis-

sioners was sought by the merchants

whom the practice very seriously affects.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

THE OLD JOKE.

We reverse the old, old joke

That adorned the printed page

Or that people told to folks

In the neolithic age.

Noah told them in the ark.

He depended much on them.

And when things were looking dark

Got a laugh on Ham or Shem.

Thus they went from age to age,

Telling the joke till

On the operatic stage

Or in current vaudeville.

Out upon this modern chaff.

It may cause a smile or so;

But when people want to laugh

Why, they want a joke they know.

Uncle Pennywise Says:

You can't make bricks without straw;

and some people seem to think this also

applies to cigars.

The Baseball Bug.

A man went into a local office building

and asked the elevator operator if they

had any rooms for rent.

"Three to one in the first inning," was

the elevator man's reply.

June 28 in History.

June 28, 1832—First soda fountain in

America opens for business.

June 28, 1834—Henry VIII creates a dis-

turbance about the bills Mrs. Henry is

sending from the seashore.

Probably Both.

"There were some ugly charges at Chi-

cago."

"Rooms or Roosevelt?"

Ample Sufficient.

The June bird cannot broil a steak

Or cook such stuff.

But she is good at angel cake,

And that's enough.

Practical Essays.

"I went to one graduating affair that I

Serious as Well as Lighter
Gossip from European Countries

It is not often that the "Baltplatz" (the

Vienna Foreign Office) speak out its

mind as strongly as it did the other day

in the official communication published in

the Vienna Tagblatt. It was nothing less

than an ultimatum, a definite warning

to the Sublime Porte at Constantinople

that if the unrest in Albania continues

Turkey will face developments distaste-

ful to its "amour propre," but which

will be the inevitable result of the Otto-

man government failing to keep to last

year's agreement and instead trying to

put off Europe with a sham commission

of inquiry. Although Austria withdrew

voluntarily from the Sandjak of Novi

Bazar when Bosnia was annexed, the

treaty which occupied the still remains,

and could be put into operation quickly

if necessary arises.

It is not generally known, but is a fact,

that I am to corroborate on the best of

authority of a high official who has

seen the document, that as far back as

1899 a secret convention was drawn

up between Austria and Italy, the terms

of which both parties to the agree-

ment agreed to establish a guaranteed

autonomous government for Albania in

case of the disruption of the Ottoman

empire in Europe, neither party to seek

any exclusive advantage or to take

either belligerent or political action of

any kind except in concert with the

other. It was the existence of this agree-

ment which caused Austria to warn Italy

the other day not to let her armistice

conduct naval operations off the Al-

banian coast.

Another piece of information, not gen-

erally known in the Eastern embel-

ment, is that Roumania, contrary to

what was supposed when Bulgaria de-

clared her independence, has no treaty

with Turkey of any sort or kind. While

Roumania is keeping a watchful eye

upon current events, it is also keeping a

keen eye upon the status quo. Should

the status quo be altered, Roumania, as a

matter of course, will look for compensa-

tion, but they suffered quite enough when

the Russian Revolution broke out and the

Russians in 1877 to have any desire

to perform a similar service for the

Turks.

The historic city of Brandenburg (the

Prussian province in which is situated

Berlin) last week celebrated its five-hun-

dredth anniversary of the arrival of the

Hohenzollerns in the Mark Brandenburg

and the assumption by this house of the

electoral dignity. The Kaiser was pres-

ent accompanied by several of his min-

isters, generals, and unvailed the

statue to Frederick, the first elector, un-

der whose rule the change was effected

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Wedding presents are a taxation with-

representation from guests who attend

wedding ceremonies. The tax is collected

in advance and ranges from \$1.00 for a

gallery seat to \$1.00 for a seat in the

family circle. This makes grand opera

look cheap, though it must be remem-

bered that in grand opera the audience does

not get a chance to kiss the bride.

If it is not for this pretty custom

to which the guests bring wagon loads

of costly gifts, and then climb through

the window in order to escape their great